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ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG MEMBER WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTION SENTENCED TO 71 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. – Otoniel Dominguez-Solorsano, 26, of Chiapas, Mexico, was sentenced here on Friday, July 1, 2005 to 71 months in prison by U.S. District Judge John M. Roll. Dominguez-Solorsano had pleaded guilty on April 18, 2005 to attempted illegal re-entry after deportation in violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1326(b)(2).

Dominguez-Solorsano pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the U.S. near Douglas, Arizona on November 17, 2004 after a prior deportation from the U.S. on May 27, 2004. Dominguez-Solorsano was previously convicted of attempted robbery in Denver, Colorado in 2001 in state court and was sentenced to three years in prison. The U.S. District Court noted at Friday's sentencing that Dominguez-Solorsano was noted to be a member of Denver's "Westside 18th Street" gang in 2001 and that the robbery victim in the state court conviction had been stabbed during the offense. Dominguez-Solorsano has numerous other convictions, including drug-related convictions, and has used at least 11 aliases and six dates of birth. Dominguez-Solorsano faces deportation after completing his 71-month sentence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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